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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Bureau of the Budget
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My dear Mr. Dulles:

It seems appropriate to call your attention to the fact that some of the difficulties experienced in dealing with the Congress on the CIA appropriations tend to be magnified in the future under conditions of a generally restrictive budgetary policy.

It seems to us that the source of the difficulty lies in the combination of the extremely classified nature of the work your organization undertakes, the limited nature of the discussions which can take place about it with congressional committees, and the fact that neither on the policy and planning activities nor on the administration and management side of the business are there any clearly recognized sources within the executive branch of the Government which are closely enough informed on both these aspects to act as a responsible intermediary element of control between your establishment and the Congress.

We have the impression that, while the Congress recognizes the difficulty of discussing your business in detail in its meetings, its concern would be modified if it were certain that some appropriate authorities in the executive branch of the Government had a closer relationship and more knowledge of the operations and they believed there was some more detailed check on it. In other words, they have the idea that it floats as freely within the administration as it appears to from the standpoint of the Congress.

We have no specific suggestions to offer at this time, but feel that it might be fruitful to explore the matter together in the near future. Other agencies have had to meet a similar problem.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Jos. M. Dodge
Director